

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

~~—— An object of the present invention is to provide a recording/reproduction terminal having a general-purpose slot and a detachable encoding or decoding device.~~

A recording/reproduction device is provided for compressing and encoding video and audio signals. The recording/reproduction device includes~~includes~~ a recording/reproduction terminal 103 recording and reproducing which records and reproduces signals representing audio or video; and includes a removable coding device 100 ~~which is detachably connected to the recording/reproduction terminal 103, and the~~. The recording/reproduction terminal 103 includes has a terminal information storage unit 105 storing which stores terminal information which is information regarding the recording/reproduction terminal 103, ~~and~~. Further, the removable coding device 100 includes a terminal information obtainment unit 101 obtaining the terminal information from the recording/reproduction terminal 103 when the removable coding device 100 is connected to the recording/reproduction terminal 103. The removable coding device 100 also includes a signal conversion unit 102 encoding or decoding the signals representing audio or video based on the obtained terminal information.

~~a removable coding device 100 has: a terminal information obtainment unit 101 which obtains the terminal information from the recording/reproduction terminal 103 when the removable coding device 100 is connected to the recording/reproduction terminal 103; and a signal conversion unit 102 which encodes or decodes the signals representing audio or video based on the obtained terminal information.~~